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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 13933

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KIDNAP - CANADIAN CITIZEN

REF: ROME 13655

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 PM AUGUST 28, 1977, BORBIRO
TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED LEGAT THAT HE AND EX-FBI AGENT
HARBESON HAD RETURNED TO ROME THAT DATE.

2. IN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH BORBIRO AND RCMP REPRESENTATIVE AT CANADIAN EMBASSY IN ROME, IT APPEARS A LONG DISTANCE CALL WAS RECEIVED AUGUST 27 AT RESIDENCE OF TUPPERWARE OFFICIAL, PHIL JAMES, IN BRUSSELS. APPARENTLY CALL WAS FROM KIDNAPPERS BUT SINCE JAMES WAS NOT AT HOME, NOTHING RESULTED FROM CALL. SUBSEQUENTLY A LONG DISTANCE CALL, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN UNKNOWN, WAS RECEIVED BY MACKAY'S FATHER IN VANCOUVER, CANADA. BASIC MESSAGE OF THAT CALL WAS THAT CONTACT WOULD AGAIN BE MADE THROUGH HOTEL MEDITERRANEO. MACKAY'S FATHER PASSED INFORMATION TO RCMP AND CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WHO PASSED TO JUSTIN DART OF DART INDUSTRIES IN LOS ANGELES WHO INSTRUCTED BORBIRO AND HARBESON TO RETURN TO ROME.

3. BORBIRO STATED KIDNAPPERS HAD TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED
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HIM AT HOTEL MEDITERRANEO, ROME AT APPROXIMATELY 6:55 PM, AUGUST 28. DISCUSSION OF RANSOM WAS HAD. KIDNAPPER STATED THAT \$200,000 WAS FINAL FIGURE. BORBIRO STATED HE HAD AUTHORITY TO GO TO ONLY \$100,000 BUT WOULD RECONTACT TUPPERWARE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS MATTER. KIDNAPPER STATED HE WOULD RECALL HOTEL MEDITERRANEO ON AUGUST 29 OR AUGUST 30, 1977.

4. LEGAT CONTACTED ITALIAN NATIONAL POLICE AUGUST 28, 1977, AND ALERTED THEM TO RETURN OF BORBIRO AND HARBESON AND REQUESTED POLICE PROMPTLY REINSTITUTE APPROPRIATE COVERAGE. POLICE INDICATED THEY WOULD DO SO FIRST THING AUGUST 29, 1977.

5. DURING CONTACT WITH LEGAT ON AUGUST 28, BORBIRO STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO DART THAT FIGURE OF \$200,000 BE AGREED TO SINCE IT APPEARS THIS IS LOWEST FIGURE KIDNAPPERS WILL ACCEPT WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE LIFE OF MACKAY.HOLMES

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